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SUBJ: DOPPLER AND TRSB MLS ACTIVITY ZAMBIA

1. HIGH LEVEL UK TEAM HEADED BY MR. NORMAN RUFFLE,
MARKETING MANAGER FOR PLESSEY LTD., AND ASSISTED BY
BRITISH BOARD OF TRADE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE PLUS
LOCAL UK HIGH COMMISSION COMMERCIAL PEOPLE MADE A
PRESENTATION EMPHASIZING THE ADVANTAGES OF DMLS FOR
LOCAL ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS FEB. 23. SHOW STAGED AT
BRITISH COUNCIL AUDITORIUM INCLUDED COCKTAIL PARTY,
SLIDES AND MOTION PICTURE. U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL
WERE NOT INVITED BUT ARE TOLD THAT EMPHASIS WAS PTT
ON ADVANTAGES OF DMLS OVER TRCB.

2. ON AFTERNOON OF FEB. 27, BENNETT, NEWELL AND EMBOFF
LUNDAHL HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW TRSB FILM TO DIRECTOR
GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION, CAPT. PATRIK KAWANU AND 22 MEMBERS
OF HIS STAFF WHICH INCLUDED LOCAL ZAMBIANS AND UK EXPATS.
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QUESTIONS INCLUDED THE BRUSSELS SIMULATION, TRSB ANTENNA
PROBLEMS, MONITORING, COSTS, AND FLIGHT INSPECTION REQUIRE-
MENTS. FAA TEAM EMPHASIZED WORK OF AWOP AND THE MARCH 1977
VOTE. AUDIENCE UNDER FALSE IMPRESSION THAT AWOP VOTE WAS
6-4. FAA ENCOURAGE DECISION AT APRIL 1978 MEETING AND
EXPLAINED CONSEQUENCES OF NO DECISION. ALSO EMPHASIZED
TRSB A JOINT U.S./AUSTRALIA EFFORT. AUDIENCE FRIENDLY, BUT

HAD OBVIOUSLY GOTTEN THE DOPPLER MESSAGE.

3. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH DGCA KAWANU, FAA MENTIONED THAT SOVIETS ALSO SUPPORTING TRSB AND SHOWED HIM FOLDING BROCHURE OF TRSB EQUIPMENT. HIS REACTION TO THIS INFORMATION WAS ONE OF KEEN INTEREST.

4. EVENING OF FEB. 27 EMBOFF FRED LUNDAHL, WHO IS A LEADING MEMBER OF THE VER ACTIVE LUSAKA FLYING CLUB ARRANGED FOR A SHOWING OF THE TRSB FILM AT THE CLUB. FLYING CLUB IS MEETING PLACE FOR PERSONNEL FROM ZAMBIAN AIRWAYS, AIR FORCE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, AIR CHARTER OPERATORS AND DCA STAFF. ABOUT 45 ZAMBIANS AND BRITISH EXPATS ATTENDED AND THE ATMOSPHERE WAS RELAXED AND CORDIAL. FAA AGAIN TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE THE AWOP VOTE AND THE PERILS NO DECISION AT THE APRIL AWOP MEETING. FOLLOWING A SHORT FILM ON THE RED ARROWS, FAA PRESENTED SLIDE SHOW "THE WORLD WEARS WINGS" WHICH WAS BEAMED DIRECTLY AT THE FLYING CLUB AUDIENCE AND WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED.

5. DURING VISIT WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL A. HAIMBE, MANAGING DIRECTOR, ZAMBIA AIRWAYS, THE MORNING OF FEB. 28, HE REQUESTED A BRIEFING ON TRSB/MLS FOR HIM AND SEVERAL OF HIS STAFF. NONE OF THOSE ATTENDING HAD SEEN THE PLESSEY PRESENTATION LAST WEEK AND FAA USED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PIKE SOME OF THE PLESSEY DOPPLER CLAIMS AND ANTI-TRSB CHARGES. FAA EMPHASIZED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTINUED USE OF ILS INTO THE 1990'S, AND THE FACT THAT AIRLINES WOULD NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO INSTALL AIRBORNE RECEIVERS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY COULD DETERMINE THE COST BENEFIT.

6. A 30 MINUTE DOPPLER MLS FILM WILL BE SHOWN TO FLYING CLUB MEMBERS ON MARCH 2 AND EMBASSY WILL REPORT ON THAT. FOLLOWING THE HIGH PRESSURE PLESSEY APPROACH OF LAST WEEK THE FAA TEAM CAME ACROSS AS RELAXED, FRIENDLY, NON-COMBATATIVE BUT USED EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO FOLLOW THE ICAO PROCESS, THE AWOP 6-1 VOTE AND THE NEED FOR A DECISION IN APRIL.

7. THERE IS STILL NO INDICATION HOW ZAMBIA LEANS ON THE MLS ISSUE OR THAT ZAMBIA WILL SEND A DELEGATE TO MONTREAL FOR THE APRIL MEETING OR IF THEY WILL INSTRUCT THEIR COSUL TO VOTE AT MONTREAL. EMBASSY WILL ENDEAVOR TO KEEP WASHINGTON INFORMED ON THIS ISSUE.

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